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Applicant : Kight, et al.
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AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION

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Dear Sir:

Responsive to the Office Action mailed June 24, 2004 and the Advisory Action mailed November 5, 2004, please reconsider the application in view of the following amendments and remarks. A Request for Continued Examination is submitted herewith along with a Supplemental Information Disclosure Statement. The Request for Continued Examination effectively withdraws Applicant's pending appeal of the rejection of Claims 37-38, 40, 42-43, 45, 47-48, and 50 (Appeal No. 2005-2734) prior to the issuance of a ruling from the Board of Patent Appeals and Interferences.

Upon consideration of the Supplemental Information Disclosure Statement and the following amendments and remarks, the Applicants respectfully assert that all of the pending claims of the present application are in condition for allowance.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims, which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 9 of this paper.